

Abstract of the Disclosure

Provided a transparent conductive layer and an image display device employing the transparent conductive layer. The transparent conductive layer includes a conductive layer containing a metal oxide and a protective layer formed 5 on the conductive layer. The protective layer contains a hydrolyzed and polycondensated product of silicon alkoxide and at least one of mercapto compound and its hydrolyzed and polyocndensated product.

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